Blackhole detection and prevention in manet

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Abstract—mobile ad hoc network(MANET) is self-arranged network made up of sensor mobile nodes formed anytime and anywhere without the any centralized management due to the dynamic network topology, autonomous terminal, lack of centralized monitoring and lack of manage point mobile ad-hoc network are highly vulnerable to security threats compared to wired network and infrastructure network. In black hole attack, a malicious node gives wrong information of having shortest path to reach the destination node so as to get all data packets and drop it. In this paper, we have discussed different detection and prevention techniques for the black hole attack in MANET.

Index Terms—AODV, Black hole attack, MANET, Routing protocols, malicious node.

I. INTRODUCTION

MANET consists of a collection of wireless mobile nodes that have capability to communicate with each other without use of network infrastructure or any centralized administration. Also security is important to provide protection over communicating nodes in an environment. Although security has long been a most demanding research topic in wire line networks, the unique characteristics of MANETs present a new set of challenges to security design. Routing protocol in MANET is divided into two main categories, proactive and reactive. In proactive routing protocols, routing information of nodes is exchanged, periodically, such as DSDV. In on-demand routing protocols, route is established and nodes exchange routing information when needed such as AODV [9]. Furthermore, some ad-hoc routing protocols are a combination of above categories. AODV protocol is preferred as compare to other protocols because it minimizes the routing overhead [10]. Furthermore, AODV provides loop free routes and repair broken links [10]. AODV is an on demand routing protocol, this means that routes are only established when needed. The black hole attack is the most severe security attacks which can significantly disrupt the communications across the network. AODV protocol use control messages to find a route from source to the destination node in the network. There are three types of control messages in AODV; these are

1. Route Request Message (RREQ)
2. Route Reply Message (RREP)
3. Route Error Message (RERR).

II. WHAT IS BLACK HOLE ATTACK?

A Black Hole attack [11] is a kind of denial of service attack where a malicious node gives false information of having shortest route to the destination in order to get all the data packets and drop it. In black hole attack, a malicious node uses its routing protocol in order to advertise itself for having the shortest path to the destination node or to the packet it wants to intercept. This hostile node advertises its availability of fresh routes irrespective of checking its routing table. In this way attacker node will always have the availability in replying to the route request and thus intercept the data packet and retain it [12]. In protocol based on flooding, the malicious node reply will be received by the requesting node before the reception of reply from actual node; hence a malicious and forged route is created. When this route is establish, now it’s up to the node whether to drop all the packets or forward it to other unknown address. The method how malicious node fits in the data routes varies.

![Fig 1: Black Hole attack in MANET](image-url)
Fig shows how black hole problem arises, here node “A” want to send data packets to node “D” and initiate the route discovery process. So if node “C” is a malicious node then it will claim that it has active route to the specified destination as soon as it receives RREQ packets. It will then send the response to node “A” before any other node. In this way Node “A” will think that this is the active route and thus active route Discovery is complete. Node “A” will ignore all other replies and will starts sideling data packets to node “C”. In this way all the data packet will be lost consumed or lost.

III. BLACK HOLE ATTACK DETECTION METHOD

Watchdog Scheme- Patcha et al [5] proposed a method for black hole attack network to tackle collusion amongst nodes. In this algorithm, nodes in the network are classified into trusted, watchdog, and ordinary nodes. Every watchdog that is elected should observe the neighboring node and decide whether it is a trusted node or a malicious node.

In this scheme, when the source node forwards a packet, it waits for an acknowledgement packet from destination node. When the destination node receives a packet it sends back an acknowledgement back to source node through each node along the reverse route. The packet transmission is successful if source node receives an acknowledgement packet. Otherwise an alarm message is generated.

IV. BLACK HOLE ATTACK PREVENTION METHOD

Retrieve the first entry from RRT
If DSN is much greater than SSN then
discard entry from RRT as
Select Dest_Seq_No from table
If (DSN >>=Src_Seq_No)
{
MN=Node_Id
Discard entry from table
}
(Node Selection Process)
* Sort the contents of RRT entries according to the DSN
* Select the NID having highest DSN among RRT entries.
(Continue default process)
Call RREP method of default AODV Protocol.
This show malicious node is identified and removed.
(1) The malicious node is identified at the initial stage itself and immediately removed so that it cannot take part in further process.
(2) No delay = malicious node are easily identified
(3) No modification is made in other default operations of AODV Protocol.
(4) Better performance produced in little modification and
(5) Less memory overhead occurs because only few new things are added.

V. SIMULATION PARAMETERS AND TERMINOLOGIES

The following table shows the simulation parameters which we are using to implement the detection technique.

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<td>Area</td>
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<td>Routing Protocol</td>
<td>AODV</td>
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<td>Simulation time</td>
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<td>Application Traffic</td>
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<td>Packet Size</td>
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<td>Transmission rate</td>
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To evaluate the black hole attack we consider the following three metrics:

**Packet Delivery Ratio**
- It is the ratio of the packets that are successfully delivered to the destination.
- Packet Delivery Ratio = Number of packets received / Number of packets sent

**End-to-End Delay**
- It is the average time taken by the packets to pass through the network.
- End-to-End Delay = received time – sent time

**Throughput**
- It is the amount of data transferred over the period of expressed in bits per second.
- Throughput (bits per second) = (No. of delivered packets * Packet size * 8) / (Simulation time)

**VI. SIMULATION RESULTS**

![Traffic Behaviors](image1.png)

**Fig 2: Traffic Behaviors**

In this scenario iterating the blackhole and finding the traffic behavior.

![Monitor immediate neighboring node](image2.png)

**Fig 3: Monitor immediate neighboring node**
In this scenario detecting the blackhole and also monitor its all immediate neighbors.

Fig 4: Xgraph for Performance before attack

Fig 5: Xgraph for Performance when attack happen

Fig 6: XGraph for Performance after preventing black hole
VII. CONCLUSION

Black Hole Attack is a main security attack that degrades the performance of the routing protocol in Mobile Ad-hoc Network. Its detection and prevention is the main matter of concern to improve network quality. In this paper, we have analyzed and describe various techniques for detection and prevention of black hole attack in the Mobile Ad-hoc Network. Methods that we have discussed to detect and prevent black hole attack in MANET give better results than other security mechanism.

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In this paper, we are implemented detection and prevention technique of BlackHole Attack.

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